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Please note that the current assignee does not qualify as a small entity and the previously submitted claim of small entity status is hereby withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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